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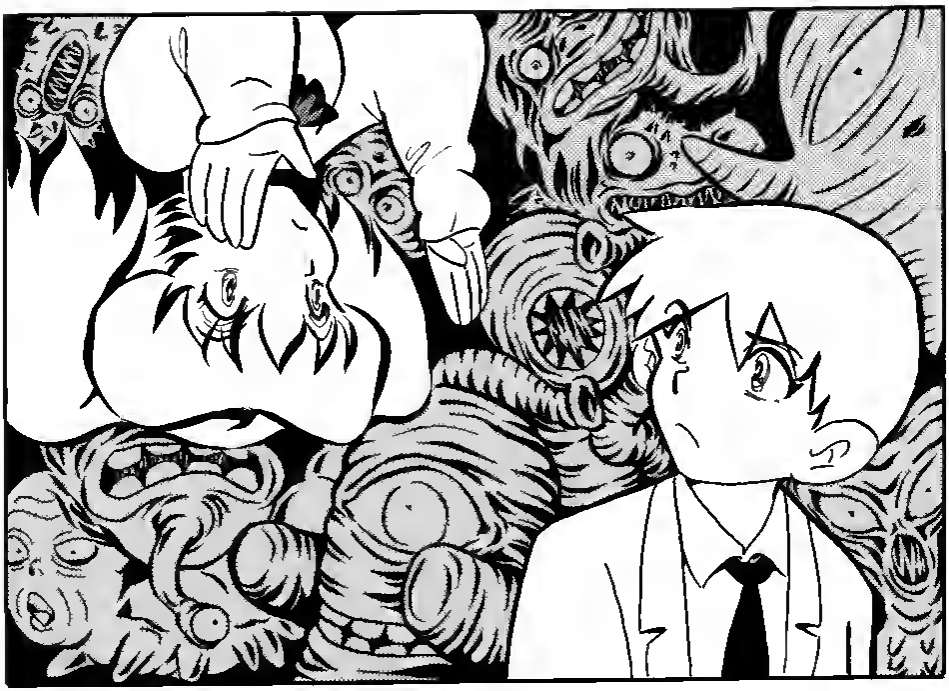
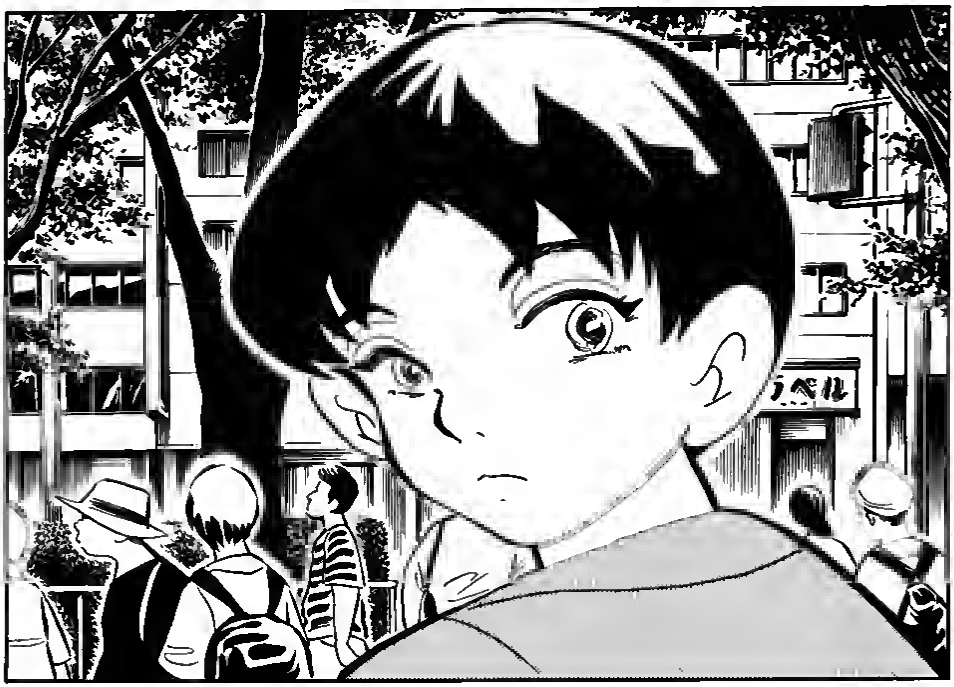


I was stopped by a strange girl on the street.
I'M HITSUJIDA MEI.
I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A POWER.



*T/N: "Hitsuji" means sheep, "da" means field, and "mei" is the sound that sheep make.

*T/N: "Umakai Bin" means "a sharp/keen pet horse".

HEY.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
GRAH?

YOU CAN SEE ME?
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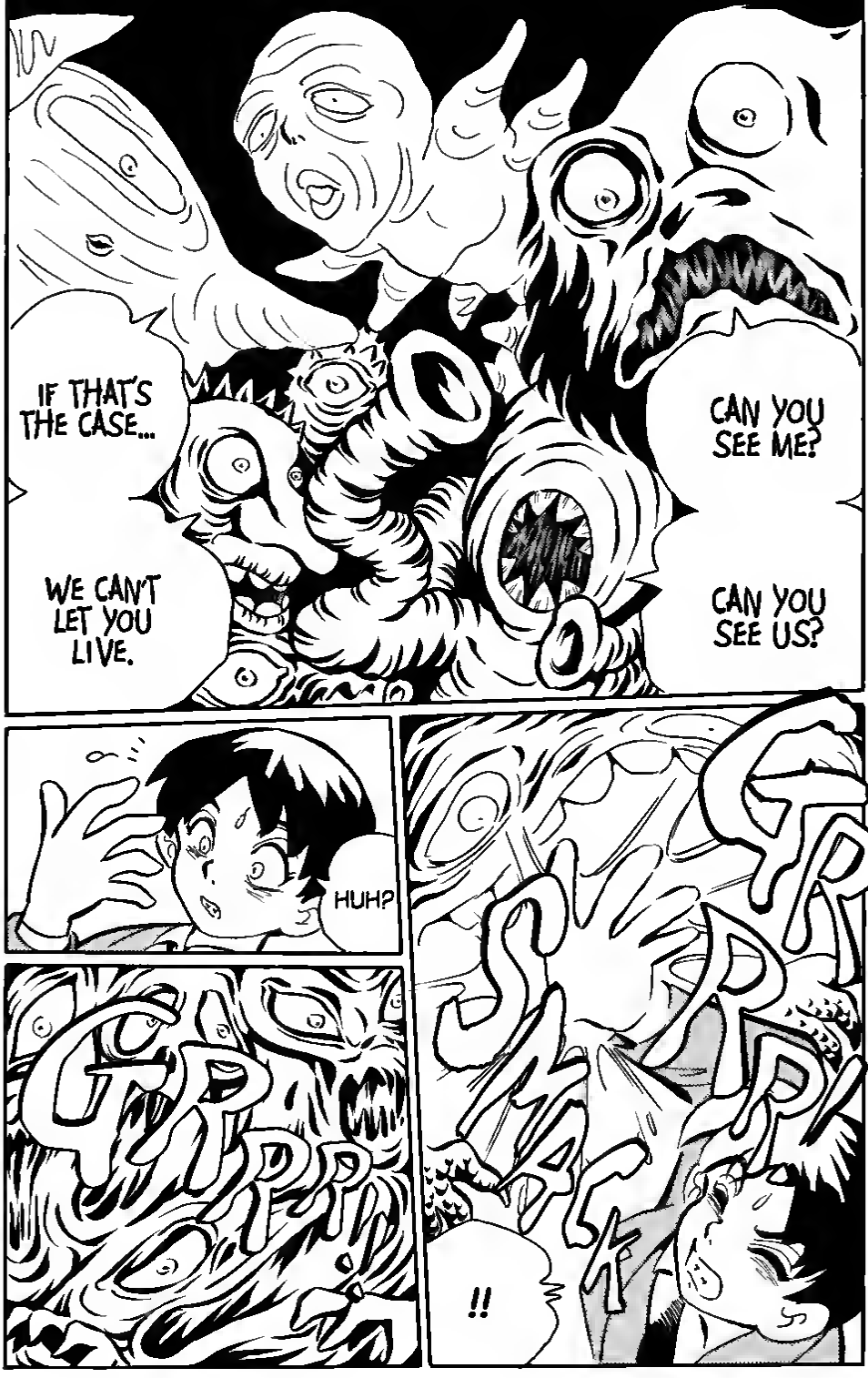
I THINK HE CAN!
Slip
Slip
HE CAN SEE US!

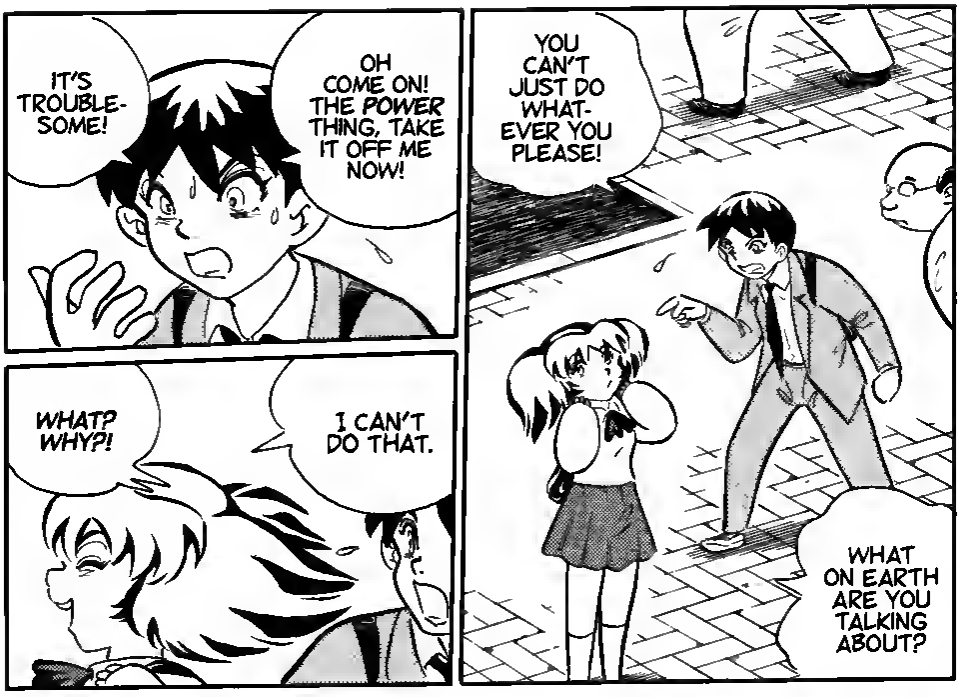

IF THAT'S THE CASE...
WE CAN'T LET YOU LIVE.
CAN YOU SEE ME?
CAN YOU SEE US?
HUH?
GRIP
GRIP
!!

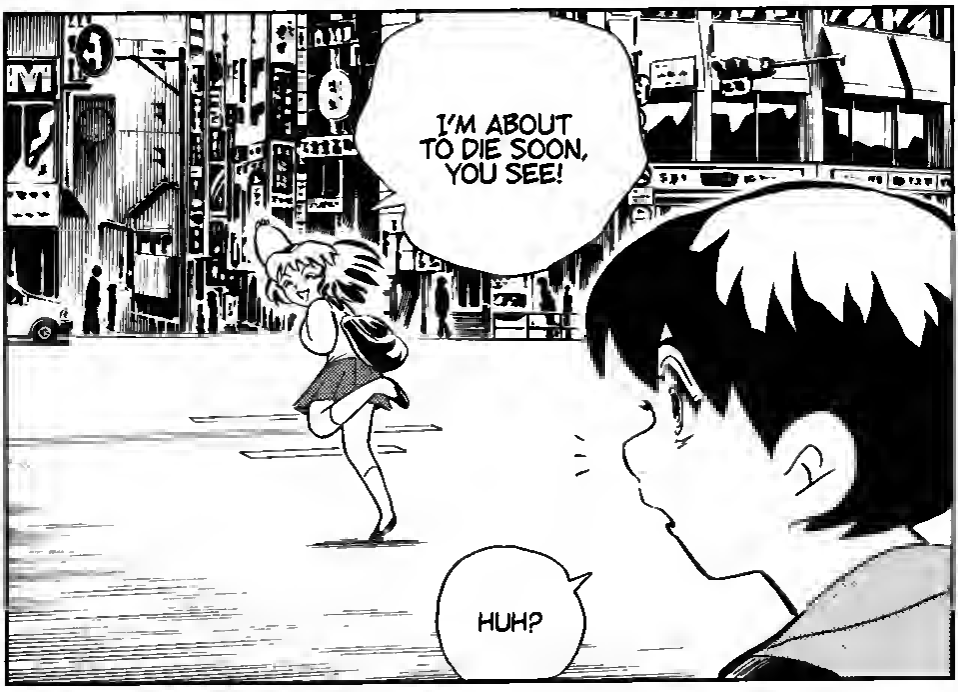
SMACK...
SMACK...
SMACK...
SLAP...
STOP! THIS BOY IS USING THE POWER!
SLAP...
PULL BACK!

.....

Slither
HEY!
THWACK!
Shift

WHAT'S WITH THEM?!
HEY! JEEZ!
Sp:ther...
Sp:ther...
AH.
I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A POWER.
AH, UMAKAI BIN.
HEY, HITSUJIDA MEI!


IT'S TROUBLE-SOME!
OH COME ON! THE POWER THING, TAKE IT OFF ME NOW!
WHAT? WHY?!
I CAN'T DO THAT.
YOU CAN'T JUST DO WHAT-EVER YOU PLEASE!
WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

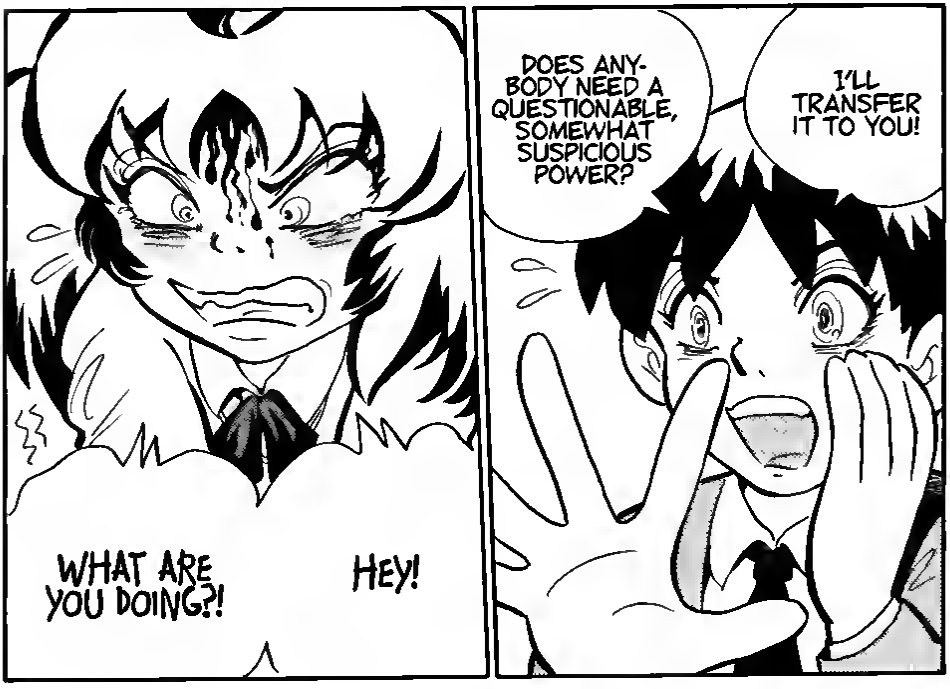

I'M ABOUT TO DIE SOON, YOU SEE!
HUH?

I'M GOING TO DIE SOON.
I HAVE TO GIVE SOMEONE ELSE MY POWER.
HOHO HOHO HO!
...JEEZ, WHAT'S UP WITH HER?
BAM!
Boing!

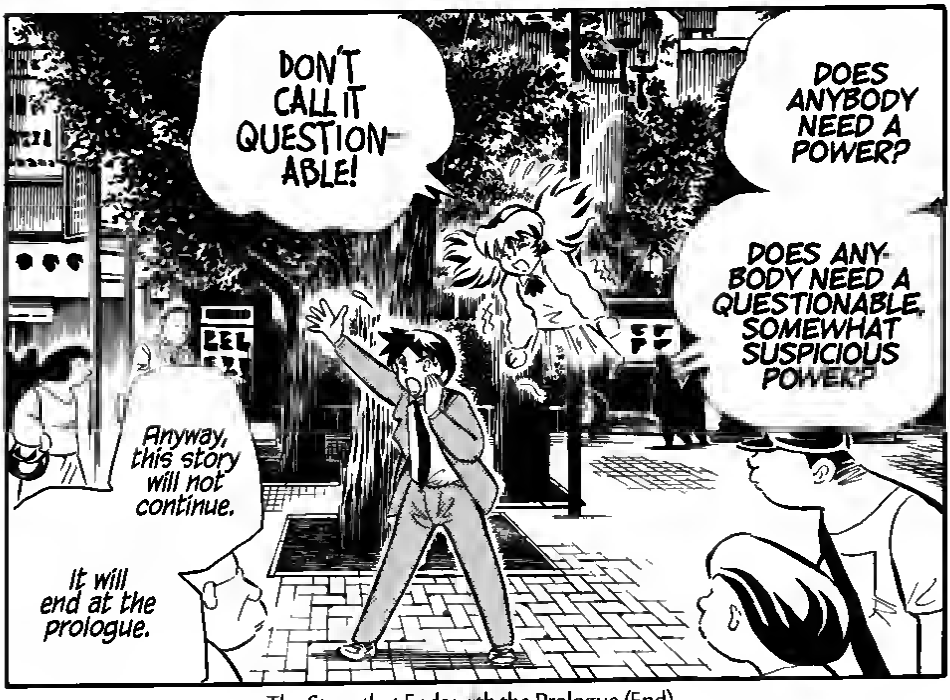
YOU COULDN'T HAVE DONE SOMETHING USING YOUR OWN POWER THINGY?
...SEE?
...IT'S FATE. NOTHING COULD BE DONE.
AT LEAST TELL ME ONE LAST THING BEFORE THE END.
WHY DID YOU PICK ME TO GIVE THE POWER TO?
JUST BECAUSE...
SLUMP
JUST... BECAUSE...
HMM...

The ghost of Hitsujida Mei was by my side, haunting me.
Then, from that night on...
HEY, BIN-KUN. LET'S SKIP TOWN TOMORROW.
WE CAN BE GHOST BUSTERS.
NO!
HOW TROUBLE-SOME...

DOES ANYBODY NEED A POWER?


DOES ANY-BODY NEED A QUESTIONABLE, SOMEWHAT SUSPICIOUS POWER?
I'LL TRANSFER IT TO YOU!
HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

I'M GONNA FORCE THIS POWER ON SOMEONE ELSE!
SHUT UP! DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT I COULD TURN INTO SOME KIND OF EXPERIENCED "GHOST HUNTER"?!
YOU HAVE AN IMPORTANT MISSION!


DON'T CALL IT QUESTION-ABLE!
DOES ANYBODY NEED A POWER?
DOES ANY-BODY NEED A QUESTIONABLE, SOMEWHAT SUSPICIOUS POWER?
Anyway, this story will not continue.
It will end at the prologue.

The Story that Ends with the Prologue (End)